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IN RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING NE/S Black Rock Road, 2330 ft.

SE of Benson Mill Road

3310 Black Rock Road

5th Election District

3rd Councilmanic District

Edward F. Royston, Jr., et ux Petitioners

- * BEFORE THE
- * ZONING COMMISSIONER
- * OF BALTIMORE COUNTY
- * Case No. 99-219-SPH

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Special Hearing for the property located at 3310 Black Rock Road in northern Baltimore County. The Petition was filed by Edward F. Royston, Jr., and Belinda E. Royston, his wife, property owners. Special Hearing relief is requested to approve an amendment to the special exception granted in case No. 93-65-SPHXA to allow a existing former dwelling (now restricted to an accessory building use) to become the principle dwelling and to approve an existing trailer (now the primary dwelling) as a caretaker's dwelling. The subject property and requested relief are more particularly shown on the site plan marked into evidence as Petitioners' Exhibit No. 1. An alternate proposal providing for the construction of a new building is shown on a similar site plan, marked as Petitioners' Exhibit No. 2.

Appearing at the requisite public hearing held for this case was Edward Royston, Jr., property owner/Petitioner. Also present was Bruce Doak, the surveyor who prepared the site plan. The Petitioners were represented by Michael T. Pate, Esquire. Appearing in opposition to the request were Jack Dillon, Executive Director of The Valleys Planning Council and Loren Friedez, also from that organization. Also appearing in opposition to the request were Jim and Jacqueline Amos, neighbors, and Mary B.Gaine, a resident in the vicinity.

An examination of the site plan shows that the subject property is an irregularly shaped parcel, approximately 21 acres in area, zoned R.C.2. The property is improved with an existing single family dwelling which was formerly used as the primary residence. Ultimately, however, that dwelling deteriorated and became uninhabitable. The dwelling has since been rehabilitated. The plan shows that an envelope for the dwelling is 27 ft. wide by 48 ft. deep, not including a wrap-around porch around the perimeter of the structure. In

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addition to this dwelling, the property is also improved with a mobile home (trailer). Other improvements to the property include a barn, several sheds, corn cribs and similar outbuildings. The property is not served by public utilities and utilizes an existing well and septic system.

As noted above, the property is now owned by Edward F. Royston, Jr., and Belinda E. Royston, his wife. They purchased the property in 1994. Mr. Royston testified that the property was run down when he acquired same. Since that time, he has put significant effort and money into the rehabilitation of the property, most specifically, the original dwelling.

The property's history is also significant. Originally, the property was part of a larger tract owned by James J. Amos, Jr. He subdivided the tract and bequeathed the subject property to his daughter (Cheryl Blevins) and an adjoining tract to his son, James J. Amos, III. Mr. Amos and his wife still reside next door.

As to the zoning history of the property, Ms. Blevins filed for zoning relief under case No. 93-65-SPHXA. That case was heard by this Zoning Commissioner in 1992. In that matter, Ms. Blevins sought special hearing and special exception relief for the subject property. Specifically, she sought an interpretation of Section 1A01.2.B.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR) to allow the designation of the trailer (mobile home) as the principle residence, notwithstanding the existence of the farm house. Additionally, she sought designation of the original farm house, which was previously used as the principle residence, as an accessory use. Variances were also requested so as to allow the existing location of the accessory structure (farm house) and to allow the accessory structure with a height over 15 ft. Finally, relief was requested to approve the use of the trailer for residential purposes.

Within an 11 page opinion and Order issued by me on December 2, 1998, I recounted the history of the property, the proposed use and granted the relief requested. I concluded that a grant of the relief was appropriate in view of the dilapidated condition of the house. Thus, I permitted the trailer to be designated the primary residence on the property and specifically required that the old farm house could not be used as a dwelling. To ensure that

this condition was satisfied, I directed the Petitioners to cap the well and septic system and authorized a representative of the Zoning Enforcement Office to inspect the property thereafter. It was my intent to permit only a single building to be used for dwelling purposes on this site.

A second zoning hearing came in before this office within case No. 98-479-SPHA. That matter was heard by Deputy Zoning Commissioner, Timothy M. Kotroco. Special hearing relief was requested in that case to amend the special exception previously granted in case No.93-65-SPHXA to revise the prior decision to allow the existing farm house to be the principle dwelling. Variance relief was also requested for the street centerline setback for that building. Essentially, testimony and evidence offered in that case was that the new owners (Mr. and Mrs. Royston) desired to rehabilitate the existing farm house and occupy same. In essence, they sought a reversal of the approval granted in the prior case.

Although Deputy Commissioner Kotroco granted the Petition for Special Hearing, he imposed restrictions on the relief. Consistent with my prior Order allowing only a single residence on this property, Deputy Commissioner Kotroco ruled that upon the receipt of the use and occupancy permit for the newly renovated farm dwelling, the mobile home need be removed within 90 days.

The purpose of the present Petition is to essentially reverse the restrictions previously entered in both cases (93-65-SPHXA and 98-479-SPHA). In this respect, testimony offered on behalf of the Petitioners was that Mr. Royston frequently travels in connection with his job (Hunt Valley Motor Coach). His son presently resides in the trailer and Mr. and Mrs. Royston would like that arrangement to continue. Mr. Royston indicated that he would like his son to remain on site to look after the property when he is away on business.

Mr. Royston did concede that the property is not used agriculturally. The site is not in crop and there is no active agricultural operation on the property. Apparently, the son's primary focus in the maintenance of the property is to cut the grass and look after several animals. As an alternative (Petitioners' Exhibit No. 2) the Petitioner proposes removing the trailer and building a garage in its place. The second floor of the garage would be used as an

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apartment for the Petitioner's son.

Representatives from the neighborhood and The Valleys Planning Council testified in opposition to the request. They believe that there is no authority within the BCZR to permit the Petitioners' request. They also fear that an improper precedent will be established. Specifically, they are concerned about the impact of permitting two separate dwelling units on this single property.

The site is zoned R.C.2, the most restrictive zoning designation in Baltimore County. Moreover, it has long been held that the BCZR are written in the inclusive; to wit, only land uses specifically designated are allowed. See <u>Kowalski v. Lamar</u>, 25 Md. App. 493 (1975). Section 102.1 of the BCZR reads, "No land shall be used or occupied and no building or structure shall be erected, altered, located or used except in conformity with these regulations, and this shall include an extension of the lawful nonconforming use."

The regulations governing the R.C.2 zone are found in Section 1A01.1 of the BCZR. Section 1A01.2 sets out the uses which are permitted in the R.C.2 zone. Section 1A02.B.1 provides that only a single residential dwelling is allowed by right on an R.C.2 zoned parcel. Additionally, this section permits tenant houses as an accessory use or structure. It is apparent that the Petitioner's proposed use can be permitted only if same is considered a tenant house. That is, there are no other uses designated in the BCZR which would apply to the proposal offered by the Petitioner.

The term "tenant house" is not defined in the definitional section of the BCZR (Section 101). However, the term is referenced in the Zoning Commissioner's Policy Manual (See page 1A-6). Therein, it is provided that tenant dwellings are permitted only on farms and they may only be occupied only by a tenant farmer whose principal vocation would be farming the property. Moreover, this proposal has been considered by the Agricultural Land Preservation Board of Baltimore County. At its meeting of October 16, 1998, the Board reviewed the request by Mr. Royston for a tenant building on the property. The Board declined to recommend approval based on the fact that the property's use does not justify a need for a full time tenant farmer, and that the proposed tenant does not work full time on the

farm.

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, I feel compelled to agree with the conclusion reached by the Agricultural Board. It is clear that the property is not utilized as a farm and that Mr. Royston's son's role would not be to assist his family with farming operations. To the contrary, Mr. and Mrs. Royston wish to maintain two different dwelling units only for matters of convenience and to provide their son with a place to live.

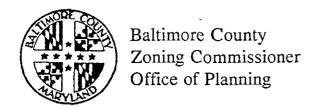
These purposes are certainly understandable and practical. I am appreciative of Mr. Royston's travel demands and his desire to have a person on the site to look after the property when he is gone. However, I cannot grant the relief which is requested. The law mandates that the regulations be construed strictly and that only the uses designated are permitted. I cannot "do equity" notwithstanding the reasonableness of the request. Simply stated, the request herein is to permit two separate dwelling units on the property. Since it is clear that neither of those units will be occupied by a tenant farmer, such arrangement is inherently impermissible under the BCZR. Thus, the Petition must be denied.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property and the public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the relief requested shall be denied.

Any appeal from this decision must be taken in accordance with the applicable provisions set forth in Section 26-132 of the Baltimore County Code.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT ZONING COMMISSIONER FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

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Suite 405, County Courts Bldg. 401 Bosley Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 410-887-4386

March 5, 1999

Michael T. Pate, Esquire Covahey and Boozer 614 Bosley Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Petition for Special Hearing

Case No. 99-219-SPH

Property: 3310 Black Rock Road

Petitioners: Edward F. Royston, Jr., et ux

Dear Mr. Pate:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above captioned case. The Petition for Special Hearing has been denied, in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event the decision rendered is unfavorable to any party, please be advised that any party may file an appeal within thirty (30) days from the date of the Order to the County Board of Appeals. If you require additional information concerning filing an Appeal, please feel free to contact our Appeals Clerk at AC-410-887-3391.

Very truly yours,

Lawrence E. Schmidt Zoning Commissioner

LES:mmn
Encl.
Copy:
Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Royston, Jr.
14307 Mount Avenue

Phoenix, Maryland 21131

Mr. Jack Dillon Valleys Planning Council 207 Courtland Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204



Petition for Special Hearing

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations.

3310 Black Rock Road

which is presently zoned

R.C. 2

This Petition shall be filed with the Department of Permits & Development Management
The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner should approve an Amendment to the Special Exception granted under 93-65-SPHXA to allow the existing former dwelling (now restricted to an accessory building use) to become the principle dwelling and to approve the existing trailer (now the primary dwelling) as a caretaker dwelling.

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Special Hearing advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County. I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition Contract Purchaser/Lessee Legal Owner(s) Edward F. Royston, Jr. (Type or Print Name) Signature Belinda E. Royston Adaress 14307 Mount Avenue Attorney for Petitioner Michael T. Pate, Esquire/Covahey & Boozer Phoenix, Maryland (Type or Pont Name) Name, Address and phone number of representative to be contacted. same as above 614 Bosley Avenue Aridrace Phone No. Towson, Maryland 21204 Zipcode **ESTIMATED LENGTH OF HEARING** OTHER

REVIEWED BY:

Revised 9/5/95

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WILLIAM G ULRICH

May 11, 1998

Description
To Accompany Petition for Special Hearing & Variance
21.00 Acre Parcel
Northeast Side of Black Rock Road
Southeast of Benson Mill Road
Fifth Election District, Baltimore County, Maryland

Beginning for the same in the center of Black Rock Road at a point distant 2300 feet more or less, measured southeasterly along the centerline of Black Rock Road, from the centerline of Benson Mill Road, thence running and binding on said centerline of Black Rock 1) South 51 degrees 07 minutes 10 seconds East 86.57 feet and 2) South 54 degrees 20 minutes 25 seconds East 268.90 feet, thence leaving said centerline and running 3) North 25 degrees 04 minutes 09 seconds West 24.62 feet, 4) South 52 degrees 52 minutes 14 seconds East 137.74 feet. 5) North 38 degrees 29 minutes 35 seconds East 178.34 feet, 6) North 50 degrees 09 minutes 00 seconds West 47.00 feet, 7) North 39 degrees 51 minutes 00 seconds East 40 feet, 8) North 58 degrees 11 minutes 37 seconds East 545.44 feet, 9) South 54 degrees 02 minutes 34 seconds East 113.26 feet, 10) North 85 degrees 53 minutes 23 seconds East 1101.16 feet, 11) North 35 degrees 06 minutes 43 seconds West 907.56 feet, 12) South 59 degrees 01 minute 35 seconds West 1715.93 feet and 13) South 59 degrees 01 minutes 35 seconds West 170.39 feet to the point of beginning.

Containing 21.00 Acres of land, more or less.

THIS DESCRIPTION HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR ZONING PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT INTENDED TO BE USED FOR CONVEYANCE.



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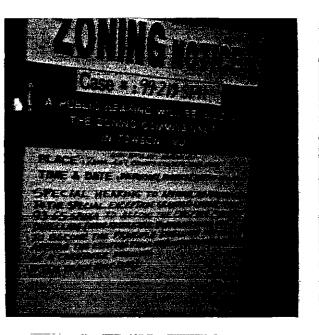
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	Date of Hearing/Closing 1/27/99

Baltimore County Department of Permits and Development Management County Office Building, Room 111 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

Attention Ms Gwendolyn Stephens

Ladies and Gentlemen

This letter is to certify under the pen-	alties of perjury that the necessary	sign(s) required by law
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Sincerely,

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(Printed Name)

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ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the above-captioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates of other proceedings in this matter and of the passage of any preliminary or final Order.

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People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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Deputy People's Counsel Old Courthouse, Room 47 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

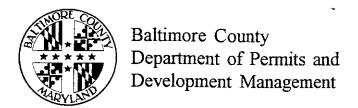
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this ______ day of December, 1998, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Michael T. Pate, Esq., Covahey & Boozer, 614 Bosley Avenue, Towson, MD 21204, attorney for Petitioner(s).

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

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Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 pdmlandacq@co.ba.md.us

December 3, 1998

NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, will hold a public hearing in Towson, Maryland on the property identified herein as follows:

CASE NUMBER: 99-219-SPH

3310 Black Rock Road

NE/S Black Rock Road, 2330' SE Benson Mill Road

5th Election District – 3rd Councilmanic District Legal Owner: Belinda E. & Edward F. Royston, Jr.

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HEARING: Wednesday, January 6, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 407, County Courts

Building, 401 Bosley Avenue

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Director

c: Michael T. Pate, Esquire

Belinda & Edward Royston, Jr.

NOTES: (1) YOU MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED ON THE PROPERTY BY DECEMBER 23, 1998.

(2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 410-887-3353.

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Baltimore County Department of Permits and Development Management

Development Processing
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ZONING HEARING ADVERTISING AND POSTING REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES

Baltimore County zoning regulations require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property (responsibility of which, lies with the petitioner/applicant) and placement of a notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the County.

This office will ensure that the legal requirements for advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with this requirement.

Billing for legal advertising, due upon receipt, will come from and should be remitted directly to the newspaper.

NON-PAYMENT OF ADVERTISING FEES WILL STAY ISSUANCE OF ZONING ORDER.

ARNOLD JABLON, DIRECTOR
For newspaper advertising:
Item No.: 219
Petitioner: Edward & Belinda Royston, fr.
Location: 3310 Black Rock Rd
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Request for Zoning: Variance, Special Exception, or Special Hearing
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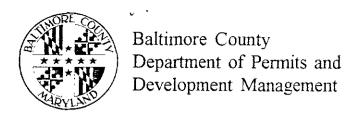
A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE ZONING COMMISSIONER IN TOWSON, MD

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REQUEST: Special Hearing to amend previously granted
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January 20, 1999

Michael T. Pate, Esq. Covahey & Boozer 614 Bosley Avenue Towson, MD 21204

RE: Item No.: 219

Case No.: 99-219-SPH

Location: 3310 Black Rock Road

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Dear Mr. Pate:

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM), on November 24, 1998.

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists representatives from several Baltimore County approval agencies, has reviewed the plans that were submitted with your petition. All comments submitted thus far from the members of the ZAC are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to ensure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. All comments will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency.

Very truly yours,

W. Carl Richards, Jr.

Zoning Supervisor

Zoning Review

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MARYLAND BALTIMORE COUNTY, INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

Date: December 24, 1998

Department of Permits & Development

Management

FROM:

Robert W. Bowling, Supervisor Bareau of Developer's Plans Review

SUBJECT: Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

for December 14, 1998

Item Nos. 216. 217, 218, (219

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The Bureau of Developer's Plans Review has reviewed the subject zoning items, and we have no comments.

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: July 9, 1998

and Development Management

FROM: Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III, Director

Office of Planning

SUBJECT: 3310 Black Rock Road

INFORMATION

Item Number:

479

Petitioner:

Royston Property

Zoning:

RC 2

Requested Action:

Special Hearing and Variance

Summary of Recommendations:

The Office of Planning recommends that this matter be referred to the Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board in order to certify legitimate tenant farm residency for the trailer.

Section Chief.

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: December 23, 1998

Department of Permits and

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FROM:

Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III, Director

Office of Planning

SUBJECT:

3310 Black Rock Road

INFORMATION:

Item Number:

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Petitioner:

Royston Property

Zoning:

RC-2

Requested Action:

Special Hearing

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

This property was the subject of Case No. 98-479 SPHA. At that time, the Office of Planning recommended the matter be referred to the Agricultural Land Advisory Board (see attached comment). In the instant case, the Office of Planning defers to the Board's and DEPRM's recommendation.

Section Chief: Jeffry W. Lon

AFK/JL:

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Date: January 5, 1999

TO:

Arnold Jablon

FROM:

R. Bruce Seeley (17)/4/

SUBJECT:

Zoning Item #219

3310 Black Rock Road

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of December 7, 1998 The Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management has no comments on the above-referenced zoning item. The Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management requests an extension for the review of the above-referenced zoning item to determine the extent to which environmental regulations apply to the site. X The Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management offers the following comments on the above-referenced zoning item: Development of the property must comply with the Regulations for the Protection of Water Quality, Streams, Wetlands and Floodplains (Sections 14-331 through 14-350 of the Baltimore County Code). Development of this property must comply with the Forest Conservation Regulations (Section 14-401 through 14-422 of the Baltimore County Code). Development of this property must comply with the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Regulations (Sections 26-436 through 26-461, and other Sections, of the Baltimore County Code). X A.P. The petitions appeared before the Baltimore County Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board on October 6, 1998. They requested approval to maintain the trailer for agricultural purposes as a tenant building. The Agricultural Board did not recommend approval based upon the fact that the proposed tenant was not engaged in the agricultural operation full time and there was not a sufficient agricultural operation to justify the need for a full time tenant.



Office of the Fire Marshal 700 East Joppa Road Towson, Maryland 21286-5500 410-887-4880

December 11, 1998

Arnold Jablon, Director Zoning Administration and Development Management Baltimore County Office Building Towson, MD 21204 MAIL STOP-1105

RE: Property Owner: SEE BELOW

Location: DISTRIBUTION MEETING OF December 7, 1998

Item No.: See Below Zoning Agenda:

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

8. The Fire Marshal's Office has no comments at this time, IN REFERENCE TO THE FOLLOWING ITEM NUMBERS:

REVIEWER: LT. ROBERT P. SAUERWALD

Fire Marshal Office, PHONE 887-4881, MS-1102F

cc: File



Partis N. Glendening Governor David L. Winstead Secretary Parker F. Winiams

12.10.5V Date:

Ms. Gwen Stephens Baltimore County Office of Permits and Development Management County Office Building, Room 109 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: **Baltimore County**

Item No. 219

(BR)

Administrator

Dear. Ms Stephens:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not affected by any State Highway Administration projects.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Larry Gredlein at 410-545-5606 or by E-mail at (lgredlein@sha.state.md.us).

Very truly yours,

I. J. Gredle In Michael M. Lenhart, Acting Chief Engineering Access Permits Division July 24, 1991

Mr. Arnold Jablon Zoning Administration 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Mr. Jablon:

On September 11, 1989, the Baltimore County Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board recommended the approval of an application for a tenant dwelling submitted by James J. and Betty M. Amos of 3300 Black Rock Road, Reisterstown, Maryland 21136. The application was later approved by the Office of Zoning. The tenant dwelling consisted of a trailer and the tenant was their daughter, Cheryl Blevins, who would care for the livestock and perform other farm related tasks. Both Mr. and Mrs. Amos were ill at the time and could not perform the farm operations. It is our understanding that they have since died and willed a substantial portion of the farm to their daughter, including the portion that contains the main house and the tenant dwelling.

The Baltimore County Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board believes that clearly the status of the tenant and the tenant dwelling have changed since Ms. Blevins is now the reported owner of the property containing the main house and the tenant dwelling and is no longer the tenant, albeit, she is residing in the tenant dwelling or trailer. Additionally, we have no basis to believe that a tenant is needed on this farm. It is now, therefore, the recommendation of the Baltimore County Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board that Ms. Blevins be ordered to remove the tenant dwelling or trailer from the property.

Please call Mr. Paul J. Solomon, Program Administrator, Baltimore County Agricultural Land Preservation Program, at 887-2904 should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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Mark J. Daneker Chairman, Baltimore County Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board

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cc: Mr. James J. Amos, 3230 Black Roack Road, Reisterstown, MD 21136

Mr. Robert Ridgley, Baltimore County DEPRM

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March 15, 1999

Lawrence E. Schmidt Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County County Court's Building, Suite 405 401 Bosley Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

From-COVAHEY & B

RE:

Petition for Special Hearing

Case No.:

99-219-SPH

Property:

3310 Black Rock Road

Petitioners:

Edward F. Royston, Jr., et ux

Dear Commissioner:

As you may recall, I represent Edward F. Royston, Jr. in the above captioned matter. This matter has recently been before Deputy Commissioner Kotroco and Your Honor, respectively, in recent months. As a result of same, Deputy Commissioner Kotroco issued an opinion dated November 5, 1998 and Your Honor issued an opinion dated March 8, 1999.

Deputy Commissioner Kotroco granted Mr. Royston's request that (1) the original farm dwelling may become the principal dwelling, and (2) a variance of the street set back requirement of 75' be granted to permit a street center line set back of 70'. He also provided a time frame within which Mr. Royston was required to remove the mobile home. Deputy Kotroco denied Mr. Royston's request that the mobile home be designated as a tenant farmer dwelling.

Your Honor's susequent opinion regarded Mr. Royston's request that the mobile home be designated as a "caretaker dwelling." This request was denied.

I would ask that you confirm that Deputy Commissioner Kotroco's ruling is still in effect to the extent that (1) Mr. Royston's Petition for Special Hearing seeking an Amendment to the Special Exception relief granted in Case No.: 93-65-SPHXA to allow the existing original farm dwelling to become the principal dwelling was granted; (2) that the Petition for Variance seeking

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Honorable Lawrence Schmidt Page Two March 15, 1999

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relief from section 1A01.3.B.3 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR) to permit a street center line set back of 70' in lieu of the required 75' for the existing original farm dwelling was granted, subject to the restrictions that (1) upon receipt of a Use and Occupancy Permit for the newly renovated farm dwelling, the Petitioners have ninety (90) days to remove the mobile home from the property and (2) when applying for any permits the site plan must reference Case No.: 98-479-SPHA and set forth and address the restrictions of Deputy Kotroco's November 5. 1998 Order.

Your anticipated cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,

MICHAEL T. PATE

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CC:

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

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To:

Carl Richards, Zoning Review

Date: October 16, 1998

From:

Baltimore County Ag. Board

Re:

Review of Royson request for tenant building.

The Baltimore County Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board reviewed the request by Mr. Royston for a tenant building at the October 16, 1998 meeting. The Board does not recommend approval on the basis that the operation does not justify the need for a full time tenant farmer and the proposed tenant does not work full time on the farm.

c. Tim Kotrocco.

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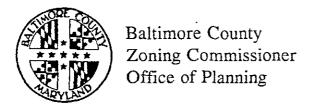
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Signed:

Representative of the Agricultural

Land Preservation Board for

Baltimore County



Suite 405, County Courts Bldg. 401 Bosley Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 410-887-4386

April 12, 1999

Michael T. Pate, Esquire Covahey and Boozer, P.A. 614 Bosley Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Case No. 99-219-SPH

Petition for Special Hearing Property: 3310 Black Rock Road

Petitioners: Edward F. Royston, Jr., et ux

Dear Mr. Pate:

This is in response to your letter of March 15, 1999 regarding the above matter.

In that I denied the Petition for Special Hearing filed in the above captioned case by way of the opinion and Order dated March 8, 1999, the prior decision rendered by Deputy Commissioner Kotroco remains controlling. My decision has specifically denied approval of an amendment to the special exception granted in the original case and thus did not approve the amended site plan submitted in open hearing on January 27, 1999. The decision rendered by Mr. Kotroco, in case No. 98-479-SPHA, represents the most recent approval of any zoning relief and the site plan approved in that case, as well as the terms and conditions of Mr. Kotroco's Order, remain binding at this time.

I trust that the above has satisfied your concerns, however, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions.

Very truly yours

Lawrence E. Schmidt Zoning Commissioner

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June 2, 1997

Mr. Lawrence E. Schmidt. Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

RE: Opinion Letter/ Case No: 93-65-SPHXA/ 3310 Black Rock Road (the "Property")

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

I represent Mr. Ed Royston who is the new owner of 3310 Black Rock Road. I have spoken to you on two occasions on the telephone with regard to this Property and I would first like to thank you for the help and direction which you have given to me. I write this letter seeking an opinion as to your Order in the above referenced case. I am enclosing a copy of the Order for your convenience.

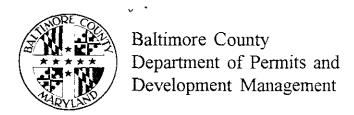
In the Order, a mobile home was designated as the primary residence on the Property. Additionally, it was ordered that there shall be no new construction on the site, which was apparently forbidden because of the large amount of debris and various structures which had accumulated under the prior owner.

The current situation under Mr. Royston is as follows: The mobile home which is designated as the primary residence by your Order is fast deteriorating. Mr. Royston would like to remove the mobile home and to build a new home which would replace the mobile home as the primary residence. This would not violate the R.C.2 zoning as there would remain only one principal dwelling, according to Mr. Bruce Doak, the surveyor who appeared on behalf of the prior owner and who is very familiar with this Property. He did however recommended that I request an opinion letter as to how to proceed and to find out specifically, if a new Special Hearing would be required in order for Mr. Royston to remove the mobile home and build a new home as his primary residence. Enclosed, please find a check in the amount of \$40.00. Thank you in advance for your time.

Jason H. Brand

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December 22, 1998

Michael T. Pate, Esquire Covahey and Boozer 614 Bosley Avenue Towson, MD 21204

Dear Mr. Pate:

RE: Case Number 99-219-SPH, 3310 Black Rock Road

The above matter, previously assigned to be heard on Wednesday, January 6, 1998 has been postponed at your request. The case has been rescheduled for Wednesday, January 27, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 407, County Courts Building, 401 Bosley Avenue.

As the person requesting the postponement, you are now responsible for affixing the new hearing date and time to the hearing notice sign posted on the property as soon as possible. The petitioner or his/her agent may not personally post or change a zoning sign. One of the currently approved vendors/posters must be contacted to do so.

If you need further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Sophia Jennings at 410-887-3391.

Arnold Jablon Director

AJ:scj

c: Belinda & Edward Royston, Jr.

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Office of Planning and Zoning
Courthouse, Suite 112
400 Washington Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204

RE

Case No: 99-219-SPH 3310 Black Rock Road

Legal owner: Edward F. Royston, Jr. and Belinda Royston Scheduled Hearing date: January 6, 1999 @ 2:00 p.m.

Dear Sir

Please be advised that I represent the Petitioners in their pending zoning matter. My clients have told me that they are scheduled to be out of the country between January 4, 1999 and January 11, 1999. Accordingly, I would respectfully request the Court to postpone this matter to another date. Mr. Royston has further indicated he will be out of town on business between February 21, 1999 and February 28, 1999.

If possible, perhaps someone from your office could contact me prior to setting the new date so we avoid any future scheduling conflicts with my calendar. I apologize for any inconvenience this has caused.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

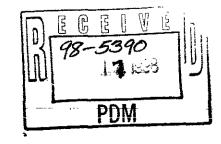
Sincerely yours,

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CC:

People's Counsel for Baltimore County Edward F. Royston, Jr.







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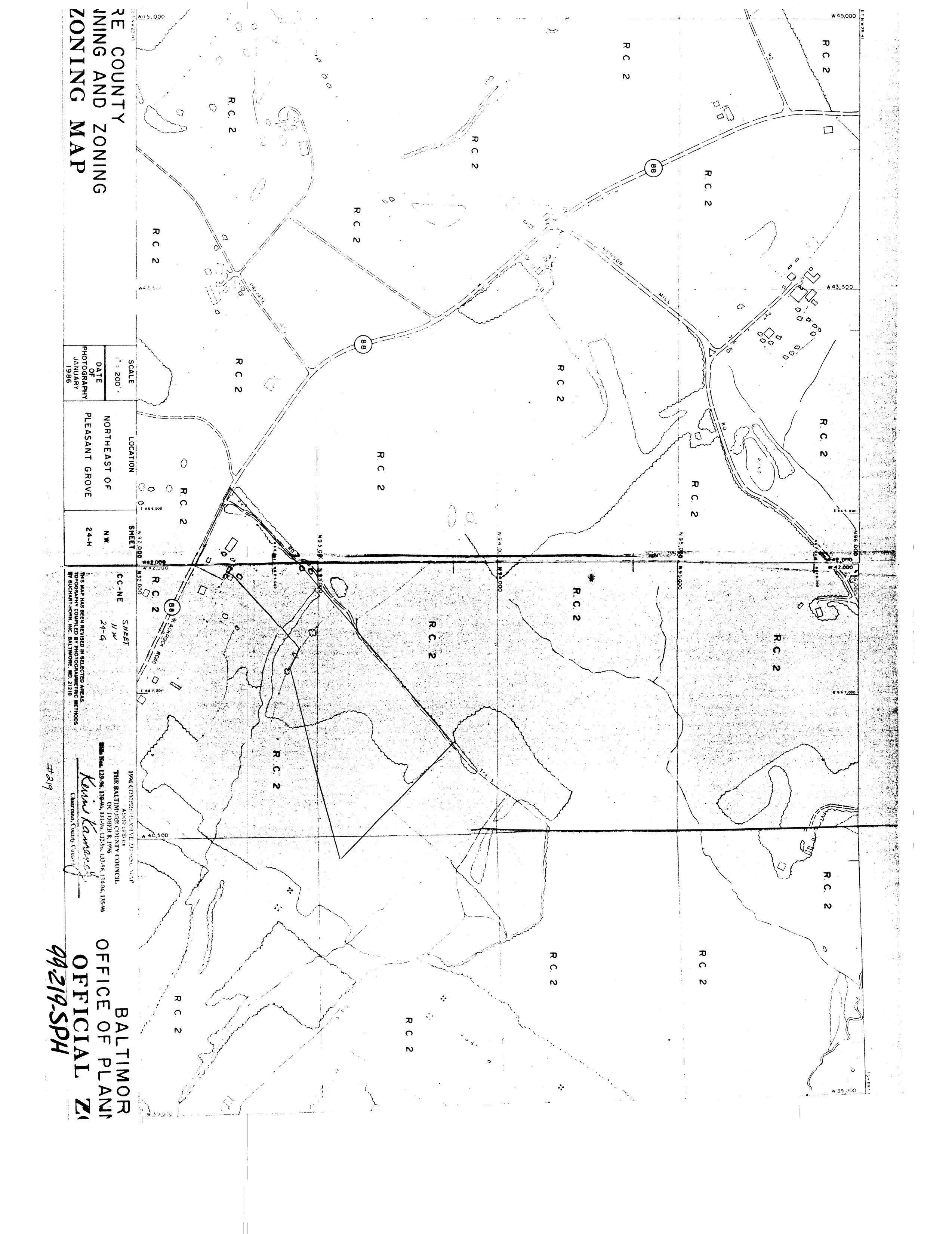
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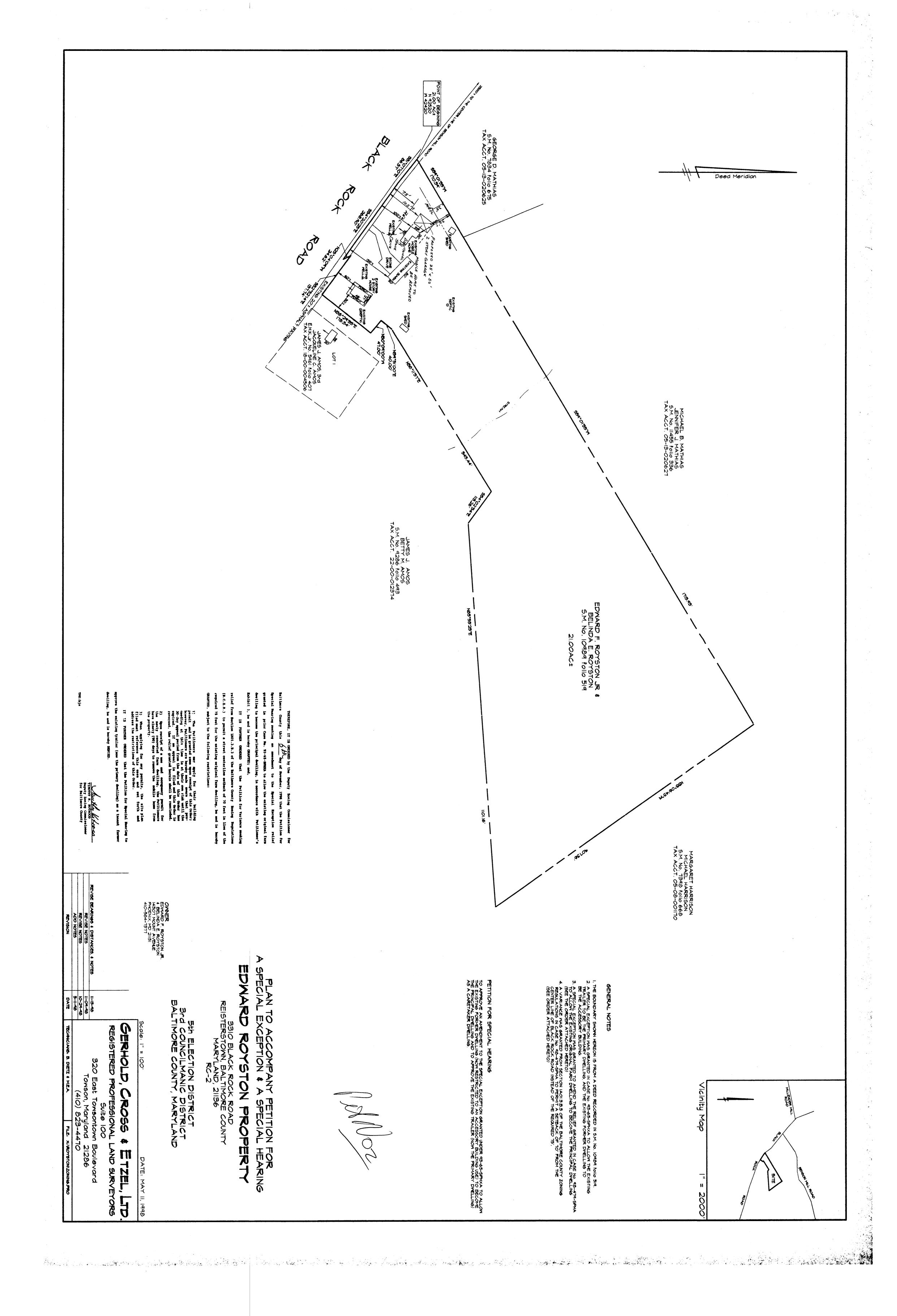


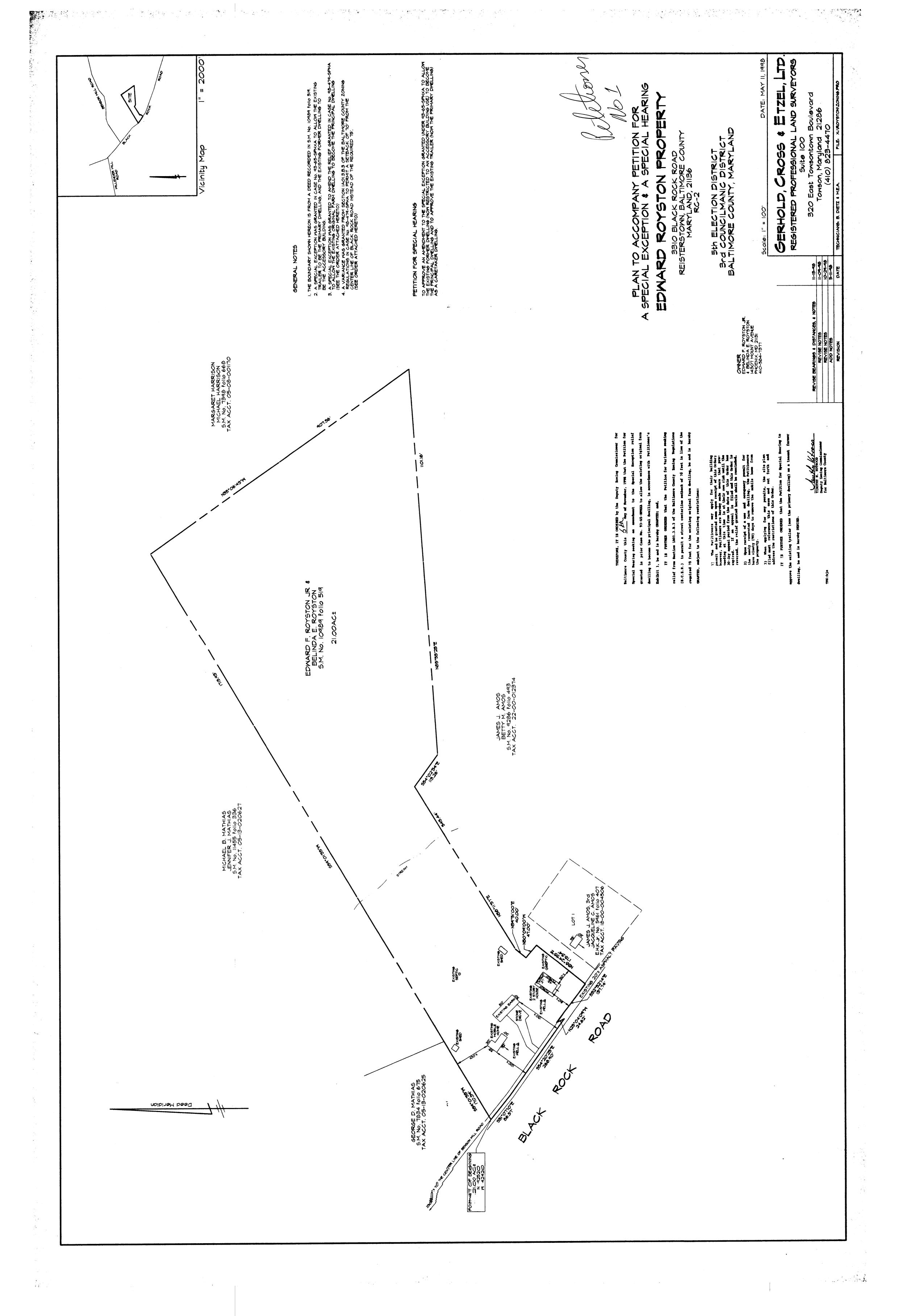
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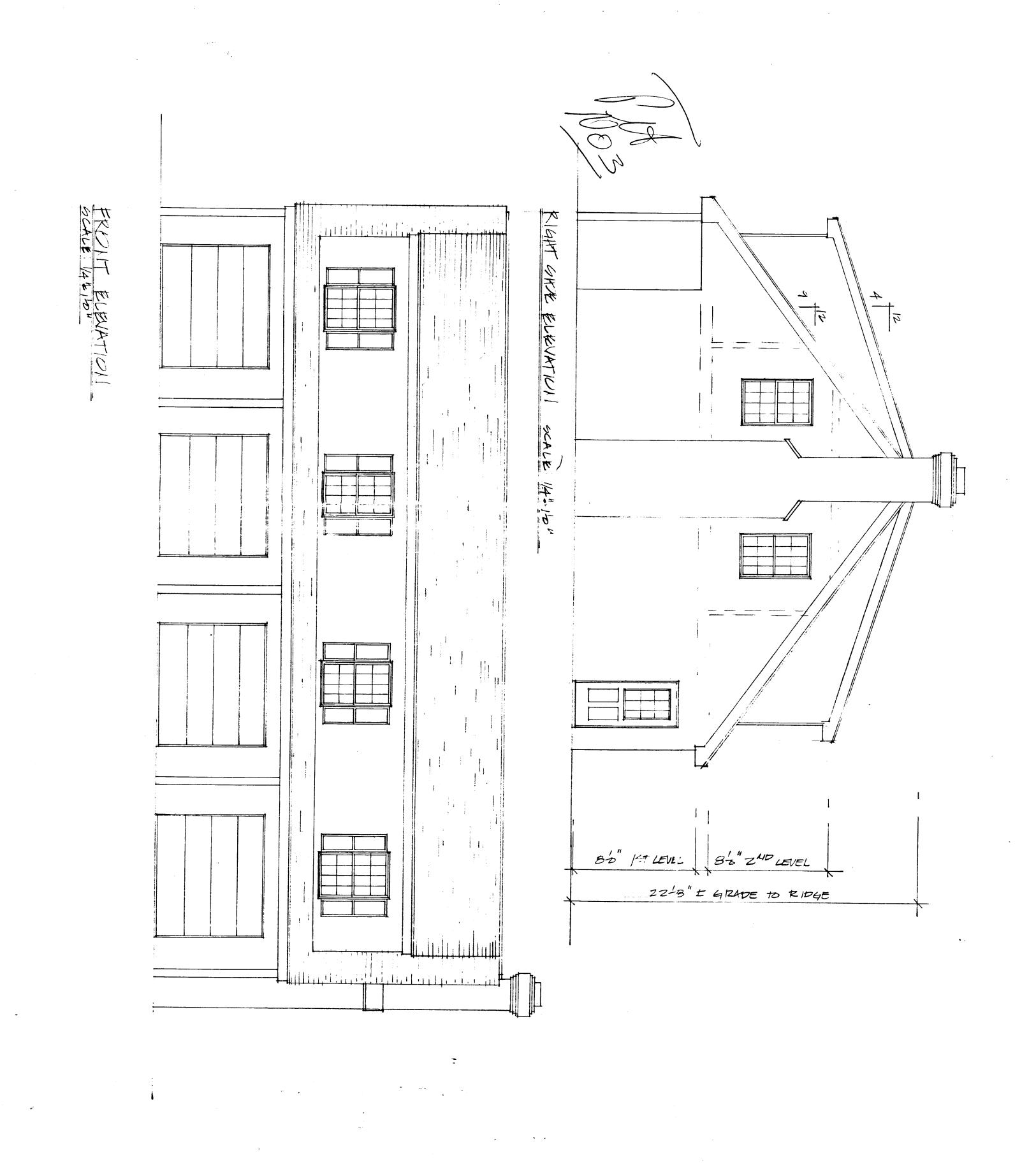
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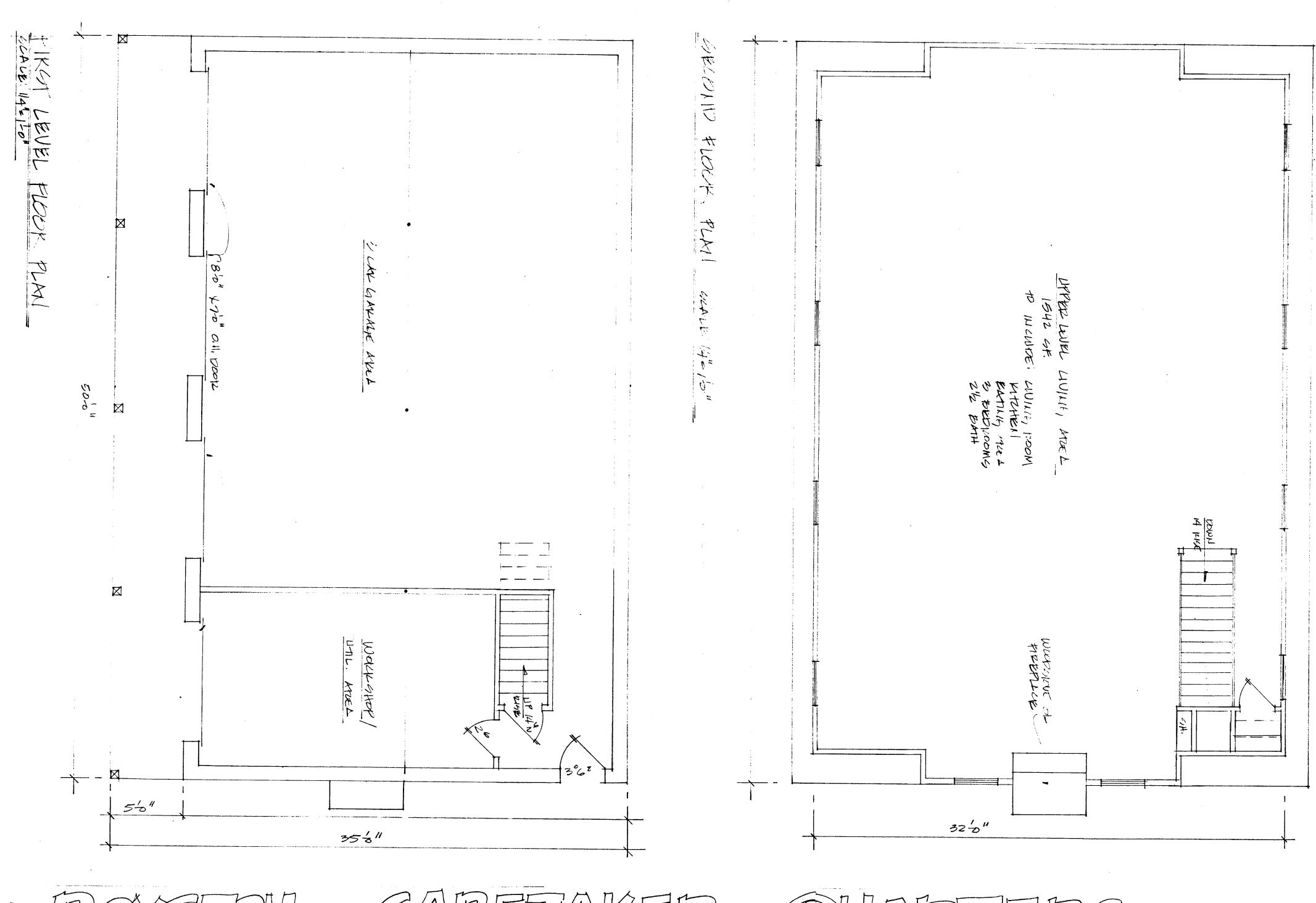
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